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DOLICHOS PEA, (mile-a-minute, chook house vine, dunny vine)

bot. name - *Dipogon lignosus*

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/240033/dolichos_pea_fsheets.pdf

About this weed

It is declared weed under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.

DESCRIPTION: Dolichos Pea is one of the most invasive weeds we have. It is a twining shrub or climber and produces masses of pink, purple or white flowers from September to January. It has many ways to reproduce including by seed, birds, water, soil and garden refuse, mulch. The seedbank persists for up to 5 years. Fire can kill mature plants and stimulate seed germination. Flowers in September, October, November, December and January. Because of its rampant nature and if left will spread over bushland and impact on ecological processes and plant communities. Infestations smother all ground-flora, topple shrubs and trees and prevent any regeneration occurring. Soil disturbance generates mass seed germination.

LOCATION: Roadsides, gardens and bare areas, just about everywhere.

REMOVAL PRIORITY: **High** it is a major threat to conservation values anywhere it takes hold.

MANAGEMENT: by hand & herbicide.

Hand pull seedlings and small plants ensuring removal of all root material; sever vines of larger plants and leave to dry in canopy, then dig out woody roots. Soil disturbance generates mass seed germination. ***Dispose by bagging and place in BLUE bin, NOT green bin.*** Herbicide - Scrape and paint using Glyphosate. Spray during September and October but herbicide can be applied occasionally any month.

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